

CARNIVAL.

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concluded to begin on a policeman and see what the result would be."

J. B. Chapin, former mayor and boomer of Fargo, now a retired capitalist, is a guest at the Ryan. He wears a red cravat and broad-brimmed hat. He says he hasn't worn a necktie of any other color since he can remember and don't propose to. He has been a resident of a cold country for forty years and came down to bask in the glow of the ice palace a few days.

Sunday evening, during his sermon on the ice palace and carnival sports, Dr. Dana, the well-known Congregational divine, became quite facetious in his remarks, which had a tendency to cause a smile to play upon the features of his auditors. "Now that the ice palace has been completed on time," remarked the doctor, "and is ready for the opening, I don't think there is any one who would suggest that it should have been commenced during the summer."

Mr. Hutchinson, the architect of the palace, says that the enthusiasm of the general public over the sports is way ahead of anything that Montreal ever saw. He accounts for it by the novelty of the formation of the clubs and the general wide-awake spirit of the northwest.

Gates A. Johnson was at the carnival grounds yesterday morning watching the curling match, and was invited to participate. He sent the big stones flying over the slippery surface with great force several times, making some creditable scores. He finally became too enthusiastic, and sending a stone swiftly over the ice by an extra exertion of muscular power, lay flat down to watch its course. He recovered a perpendicular position again with the assistance of several bystanders, but withdrew from the contest and remained a passive spectator during the rest of the sport.

Late yesterday afternoon many people awoke from the lethargy in which they seemed to have been, and realized that that they were "on the hog train." Hasty preparations were inaugurated and the work of decoration was commenced in earnest. A rivalry is beginning to spring up and it may be safely said the city will present a creditable appearance before the week is out.

It required the immense demonstration and parade of last night to arouse some of the people, but the outpouring of last evening and the impartment of 4,000 uniformed men on the march did it and now the vast benefits of the carnival to the entire community are beginning to be realized.

It was a trifle cold last night, and while the clubs were waiting to be put in the procession it was pretty hard to keep them in. Some twenty odd degrees below zero, and a bit of a breeze at the corners, where there was no protecting buildings raved the cold an added sting. The indications were for a severely cold day to-day. But the good for the palace and so long as blanket suits hold out, the carnival goers will not be disposed to murmur.

The Keweenaw Toboggan club is composed of thirty-five members, twenty-two of whom are relatives, twelve of them being brothers. The club is named in honor of Keweenaw county, Michigan, from which place nearly all of the members were residents.

After inaugurating the ice castle, several of the clubs paid the Ryan a visit and delighted the spectators with specimens of their efficiency in drill and bouncing unsuspecting comrades. The ladies in the galleries and the strangers largely enjoyed the sight. When the war-whoop was given seven or eight would suddenly surround the intended victim, who was snerling horizontally in the air. The clubs that any people who could turn out 3,500 snowshoos on a night when the thermometer was 10° below zero, could beat the Russians, the Canadians and the rest of the world.

One of the most fascinating and impressive of the many scenes afforded during the march was that presented by a view of Minnesota street, looking north from the corner on Third. The procession had turned up Jackson street and only the light in the sky and the faint blare of the trumpet in the distance told of the course it was pursuing. Suddenly on Minnesota street the advance guard appeared, ascending the hill towards the ice palace. The street lighted up and the torches in the distance twinkled like stars. Far in the background the ice palace gleamed like an emerald, the ice taking on a greenish glow that was at once beautiful and novel. The spectacle caught the eyes of the crowd and enchained them, and it was pronounced, with one voice, the choicest sight of the evening.

Of course it was not possible to make up so large a parade of so enthusiastic paraders without some delays. It was expected that everything would move on the stroke of the clock, but there was a wait that was long enough to chill through those who were not dressed for just that thing. But it was fun to march when the word was given and no one was seen to drop out of the ranks.

And it is probable that nobody in St. Paul could have got the procession moving any nearer on time than Capt. Ed. Bean. But it was cold.

There is no other city in the country that could turn out so large a number of uniformed men on such a night, or if they did turn out they wouldn't keep so good natured as was the crowd last night.

It was at the south side of the carnival grounds that three costumed ladies sat upon a large cake of ice to await the passing of a certain company. They had been seated about five minutes when the first came. What was wrong? Their blankets were frozen to the ice, and they did not depart until they had left some wool where they sat.

The latest gag among the railroad men is: "Have you given your orders yet?" "What orders?" "Orders to have yourself painted red, white and blue for the ice carnival."

When the militia company was passing the central fire department, it fired off a volley. A granger was standing close by the line of march. He was so surprised that he took to his heels and left a sprinkling of hay seed in his wake, besides leaving a number of innocent spectators prostrate on the sidewalk.

The gentlemen and lady members of clubs last evening who wore kid gloves with their costumes will be more cautious in future. Some torches were picked up along the line of march and who shook them is still a mystery, but it is believed the "kids" did the dastardly piece of work.

For the benefit of the curious, the ethnologists, and the modestly inquisitive who may feel an interest in the Sioux population of the carnival grounds, it may be stated Indian etiquette never requires a visitor to announce himself before entering. Just lift the flap that serves as a door, go right in and find yourself a seat on the ground, and you will be welcome if you behave yourself.

ROCKETS.

P. S. Peabody, president of the Dayton's Bluff club looks like a blue suit. At Flournoy is just as good looking in a toboggan suit as in minstrel garb. Capt. Starkey of the building inspector's

office belongs to a ski club and is an expert on long shows. He is going to enter in all of the races and contests.

C. M. Truman looked well in a white blanket coat.

Dr. Chamberlain, president of the St. Paul club, was on hand.

The Owl club is made up of wise-looking men. They all "sly by night."

Capt. Bunker of the Owl club is a whooper.

Roland Berkeley, president of the boys' Polar club, insists that his club is a feature of the carnival. He is correct.

The ladies look prettier in blanket suits than they do in seal skins.

The Lapis Lazuli club from Fort Snelling are great in line of march, but they can't go down a toboggan slide any oftener than the raw recruits.

The Excelsior was the first toboggan club organized.

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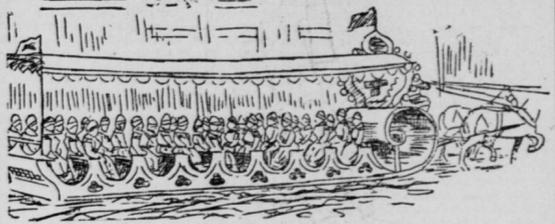
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clubs with a membership of nearly 4,000 are uniformed and consecrated to the success of the gay affair. The streets have put on decorations of evergreen, flags, bunting, arches and strange creations of ice and snow, the public interest, the growth of which has kept pace with that of the preparations, has become an intense enthusiasm. The invitations have been sent far and wide; not a hitch, not an element of discord nor an unfavorable circumstance of importance has been manifested throughout the season of preparation, and, all in all, the gods seem to have smiled, and most propitiously on the saturnalia of the North. It was three months ago when the idea of a winter carnival in St. Paul was first conceived and its announcement met with an instantaneous and unanimous response among the people. Since the red and white public or private interest in St. Paul has put itself in conflict with its progress. The conception appealed loudly to the enterprise of the city as an advertising medium, to the business element in the city, and to its social and cultural, to the young in age and disposition in the pleasing fancies of the

GAYETTES AND NOVEL SPORTS It suggested, and to all in its magnificence as a whole and in the proposed coining of health and pleasure from the bright, invigorating weather, the clear and bright night and the stores of crystal ice and snow.



The Windsor Sleigh.

A LEGEND OF ST. ANTHONY HILL How St. Paul's Winter Carnival Was Originated.

I stood on fair St. Anthony's mount— Crisp all the air around— And stilled the sound of rill and fountain— Full white the frozen ground.

The waving trees their shadows threw, In shapes of phantom forms, A graceful, joyous, floating crew That rode out wintry storms.

And far across the snowy wall, And past the fringe of trees, I saw the light of St. Paul, Borne on the whisp'ring breeze.

Thus standing, far from worldly strife, My thoughts resistless flew; And fancy wreathed a vision rare That thrilled me as it grew.

Entranced, I looked and more enraptured grew, As in a dell beneath, in fair, full view, A sumptuous fairy court I there beheld, Which held the twinkling stars its session held.

Old Father Time—his storkie fly hum; The youth called Cupid—fur-clad, bow unstrung; The Water Witch—her form enreathed in snow;

The Fire King Coal—his face in ruddy glow; The Arctic Queen—with Boreas in her train; And Neptune—far from off the Spanish Main;

Luna in silver softness through the trees Bright glanced, the fairy court to please; King Time was there from art and guile; As free

As crowing babe on happy mother's knee, And fitting quack as sunbeams glinted space, His light and shade in turn played on each face.

All these, and others spoken of in story, Were there arrayed in miscellaneous glory, Save one—a new arrival—stood in place, Plain dress'd in blankets, bright and fair of face—

Her greeting warm—in favor high she stood, Kissed him by Father Time, the old and good, Embraced by Water Witch, her greatest kin, While gruff old Neptune chuckled her pretty chin.

King Frost his bonnet doff'd and bent him low, And scattered compliments, 'mid wealth of snow; King Coal a torrid welcome breathed aloud, While Cupid, Muses—all the selfish crowd— Beamed happy smiles, and uttered words of honor.

And vied with each in framing terms to laud her. The Goddess of St. Paul her name, America her nation; So fair and young, but building fast upon a sure foundation.

Thrice welcome guest—her snowshoes held at rest, She stood near Time, and chatted at her best, And thus the scene prolonged.

Amos a hush came o'er the murrin' group, For Father Time, appeared from weary stoop, His warning signal, "silence every one," Gave me to know that business had begun.

Through all the varied channels of debate, With speakers in this myologic state, I need not go—but plainly of their scheme, The blanket-vested maiden was the theme, Her worshipers, their patience and content, Their progress, pride of land and sentiment.

And thus, and thus the speakers told their views. In speech and logic—rhetoric profuse; Naught there was done as mortals do by rote, Nor did old Father Time call for the vote, But quickly summing up the session's views, He called the Goddess forth to hear the news.

"We do command your subjects, kith and kin, For wealth by honest toil they've had to win; Go call your friends from South and East and West.

Show them your winter's keenest sports and best; Your carnival shall mark a page in story, Show to the world your royal winter's glory." He said, and while she stood at his right hand, He turned and gave the following command: "Frost be upon the Mississippi, yours is the duty

To give us ice in all its prismatic beauty, For graceful maiden, youth and manly pleasure; O'er which on ringing steel to glide at leisure; Stay, something more—stout artisans supply With clearest crystal blocks to rear on high A castle, palace, call it as you will, A gem mined forth from rivulet and rill, With pinnacles and castellated walls, And archways wide, and lofty vaulted halls, With corridors and courtyard, lodge and keep, And battlements and portals broad and deep, While round about the showhouse throng, with cheer, Shall hail a palace each succeeding year.

"Bluff Boreas, yours' the task to wait the snow From Arctic Queen's dominion, she you know Supply it for us with unstinted hand, A dowry path for blanket-coated band, And e'er r-ad and through the fields, Shall sound from floating sleigh the merry bells.

The snow-ace call—the coasters cheery cry, The laug'ry from toboggans as they fly, But over all the snowshoes leads the van, Each true to club as Scot was true to clan, I bear e'en now their merry joyous laugh As I lean weary here upon my staff, Were I, beshrew me, younger, knees less frail, But I'd leave with them, on their snowshoe trail."

But hark!—Time's hand is on his ear, He's caught the whooping sound of snowshoes cheer, And quack as lightning leaps from zone to zone.

The vision vanished—I stood there alone, But thought was left by Time's precipitation Who filled so many minds with inspiration. 'Twas but an instant and the work was done, The snow was laid—the carnival begun. This dream a page of history became, And set at least one continent aflame.

Who first proposed it? Many curious ask, To answer such I and this pleasant task, And thus the promise I will now fulfill, Read thus the Legend of St. Anthony's Hill.

St. Paul, Jan. 26, 1886.

HOW THE SCHEME GREW. The Brief History of the Carnival Idea Briefly Told.

St. Paul has at last entered into the joy of her carnival. She has furnished her place of abode with the emblems of beauty and festivity, robed her household in gay colors and fine woollens, illuminated her gates and halls, bidden the inhabitants of the earth to her merry-making and with the coming night the grand reception will open with royal splendor and magnificence. The palace is finished, fifty-three carnival

clubs are counted as wealth and blessings. On Nov. 3 the scheme was unanimously approved by the chamber of commerce, and on the same evening a meeting was held at the Hotel Ryan, at which